

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1011 which closes a loophole in collection of the funding of the pesticide mill assessment and streamlines the product registration process by eliminating the “letter of authorization.”

This bill was subject to lengthy and complex negotiations that resulted in the settlement of several issues including the need for a dispute resolution process that was agreed upon by the stakeholders and the Department of Pesticide Regulation. Additionally, it resulted in the directive for the department to conduct a study to consider more carefully the environmental consequences of data sharing agreements on the volume of pesticides sold in California. I direct the Department to include these additional elements of the agreement when it implements the provisions of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger